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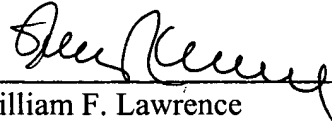
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- (1) ☒ This response is being filed within the third month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a 3-month extension of time. A check for \$980.00 which covers the cost of the petition is enclosed.
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